

further reported that 85 persons have been appointed by it on compassionate grounds during the year 1991 so far, of which in one case the wife of a deceased officer has been appointed in its officers' cadre with the approval of the Government.

Decanalisation of Value Added Mica Products.

5913. SHRI BINODE BIHARI MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large items of value added mica products have been decanalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date of decanalisation along with the names of the items;

(c) the impact of it on export of mica products; and

(d) the achievements, if any after decanalisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Value added mica products were at no stage decanalised. As such, the question of decanalisation does not arise.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Transfer and Promotion policy of Assistants in G.I.C.

5914. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a job-oriented course in general insurance has been introduced in 10 plus 2 system of C.B.S.E. for recruitment to the post of Assistant in General Insurance Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the promotion avenues of the Assistants recruited in the G.I.C. under this scheme; and

(d) the promotion/transfer policy of G.I.C. for the Assistants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A two-year vocational course in General Insurance was introduced in 10 plus 2 system of CBSE selected schools located at Delhi, Madras, Bombay, Calcutta and Chandigarh on experimental basis as pilot project. Students passing 10th Standard with atleast 60% marks in English and Mathematics are eligible to seek admission to this course. Students passing Class XII examination conducted by the CBSE with atleast 50% marks in the aggregate in the following subject viz. (1) English, (2) Business Studies, (3) Marine Cargo and Hull Insurance, (4) Engineering and Loss of Profits, (5) Rural and Crop Insurance, and subject to an interview and medical examination, will be eligible for appointment as "Assistant" in the General Insurance Industry for a period of one year at a stipend of Rs.1000/- per month. After successful completion of apprenticeship they would be appointed as Assistants on a regular basis at the prevailing salary grade;

(c) and (d). The promotion and transfer policy as applicable to the Assistants in the General Insurance Industry would also equally apply to these Assistants recruited through the vocational stream.

Cash Dealings in Banks

5915. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have di-

rected the banks not to accept cash payments of Rs.50,000/- and above for issuing demand drafts, mail transfers, telegraphic transfers and traveller cheques; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently advised all banks that demand drafts, mail transfers, telegraphic transfers and traveller cheques for Rs. 50,000 and above should be issued by banks only by debit to customers' accounts and not against cash payment.

(b) This measure has been taken to curb the misuse of banking channels for violation of fiscal laws and evasion of taxes.

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Development of Calcutta Port

5916. SHRISATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to develop the Calcutta Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The schemes included in the Annual Plan, 1991-92 for the development of Calcutta Dock system are given below:-